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1. The Litostroj factory, begun in 1946, was to be a large plant for the construction of the largest and most complicated equipment for power stations, the timber industry, ship fittings and marine engines. In keeping with the Five Year Plan, which called for the concentration of the precision industry in Slovenia, this factory was built in the Ljubljana district. The purpose of this plan was the fact that necessary supplies of iron and steel from Jesenice and electric energy from the hydro-electric power stations on the Sava and surrounding area were easily available.

2. The Projects Union of the Ministry of Works for Slovenia handled the planning of the factory, while the actual construction was undertaken by Megrad (sic) and the State building concern in Slovenia. The Tito-Cominform split occurred when departments four and six [REDACTED] were only partially completed, and, as a result, the vast undertaking was left unfinished. No machines were installed with the exception of a crane in department four, and some machinery for the construction of frame saws which was confiscated from a Yugoslav firm.

3. [REDACTED] present building and equipment of the Litostroj factory [REDACTED] follows:

1. Storehouse for models (prototypes)
2. Prototype workshops
3. Foundry equipped with two very modern furnaces, which has a daily capacity of 50 tons of steel casting.
4. Workshops for building frame saws for saw mills, and also a department for constructing hand-pumps for farm buildings. Iron pylons, canal locks and urban sewerage equipment is made here.
5. Department for Pelton turbines. At the beginning of 1949, mass production was begun of small Pelton turbines for use by small electric power stations having a capacity up to 3,000 kw. This

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was done in cooperation with Rade Koncar, who manufacture generators for these turbines. Turbines for Ozalj II, Bohinj and Mariborski Otok are also mass-manufactured here. (The factory also produced parts for steam turbines in Skoplje). The department undertakes the repair of water turbines and manufactures pneumatic hammers. The lack of special machinery, and the fact that only one hydraulic press of very small capacity is installed, have slowed down production.

6. This department contains an unspecified number of machine tools, lathes and drills, which all bear Russian names but were, in fact, Canadian lend-lease supplies delivered to the Soviets in 1944, and later sold by the Soviets to the Yugoslavs.
7. Administration building, workers' changing rooms and Drawing office.
- 8 and 9. New large unspecified departments which are being completed.

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25X1 L. The buildings of the factory are solid and modern. Some large machines (of unspecified type) have recently been installed. [REDACTED]

25X1 [REDACTED] Multiplicity of types of machines has led to low level production and to a poor quality of goods produced.

5. Raw materials for Litostroj are obtained as follows:
 - a. Iron and steel from Jesenice and Store
 - b. Electric power from power stations at Tacen, Kranj and Vintoar (sic) Zirovnica.
 - c. Coal from the Timok coal mines and Rasa.
6. The output is scarcely 40 percent of that envisaged under the Five Year Plan.

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